



CENTRAL COAST Rescue Mission

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Changing Lives for Good

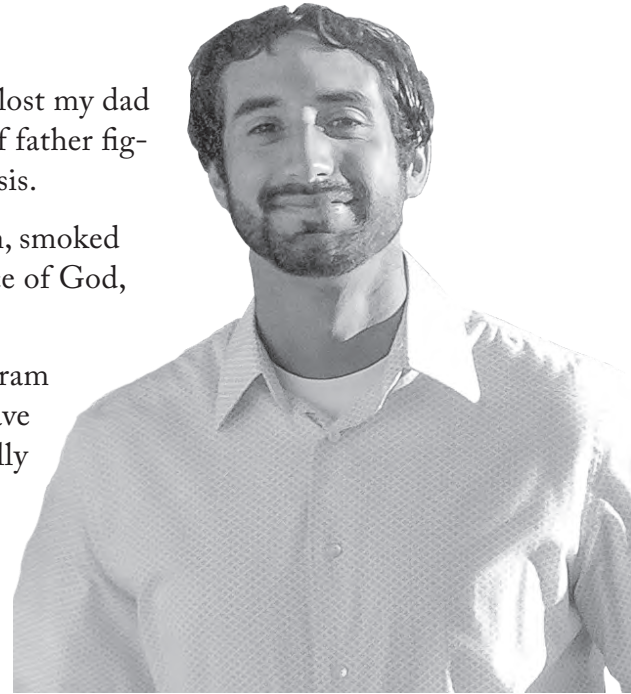
Not Who I Am Today!

I grew up in a small community with a very loving family. But, when I lost my dad to cancer, my life radically changed for the worse. My only examples of father figures were my friends' dads, who abused drugs and alcohol on a daily basis.

At the age of 13 I took my first hit of crystal meth. I drank on occasion, smoked weed every day, and used meth on the weekends. Somehow, by the grace of God, I graduated high school, but I continued using and selling drugs.

Thankfully, that is not who I am today! I am in the Life Recovery Program at the Central Coast Rescue Mission and attending a local church. I have accepted Jesus into my life. I believe what the Bible says; I am beautifully and wonderfully made. Here at the mission, they are teaching me life skills to help me be a loving father for my two beautiful kids, Justine and R.J.

I am finally walking on the path that God has intended for my life. Thank you Jesus and all the staff here at the Central Coast Rescue Mission! ~ Roger



Thanks to You, Places Like This Exist

Each Wednesday afternoon, the Central Coast Rescue Mission offers food, hygiene, and clothing (along with sharing prayers and music) to our hungry and hurting neighbors. For Spanish speaking guests, volunteers

help to translate. It is a blessing to see God at work, drawing the hungry and hurting in.

At one particular outreach, on an exceptionally cold and windy day, an 8-year-old girl walked up wearing only jeans and a tank top. I pointed out to others that the little girl looked cold. After searching in a bag of donated clothes, I pulled out a purple sweatshirt that was her size and helped her put it on. Afterward I asked myself, "What if places like this didn't exist? That little girl would have remained cold."

You are the reason those in our community who are poorly clothed, hungry, unemployed, homeless, or struggling with addiction are reached. Thank you for donating to the mission, your gifts are crucial!

By Jarrod Chambers, Program Graduate



Jesus tells us to feed the poor and give drink to the thirsty. He says that what we do for the least of His people we do for Him.

An Unexpected Blessing

"Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him." ~ Matthew 6:8



In November Sarah Conley came to serve at the mission's Thanksgiving Banquet. As the leader of a home schooling group "Heart for Learning", Sarah extended the opportunity to all of the families in the group to volunteer. On the day of the banquet, the group arrived ready to serve and exceeded expectations. They had organized several activities, such as games and crafts, to entertain guests while they waited to enter the banquet hall. All of the activities helped put smiles on many faces and bring a lot of joy that day.

Since then, Sarah has sent many volunteers that have graciously organized families to serve each week at the

Wednesday food pantry. Recently, the group arranged a Valentine's give-away to the children of guests who came to the pantry in February.

Central Coast Rescue Mission is so thankful for all of the volunteers who come and serve!

Team of Leaders

I am privileged to serve with some amazing and talented people who truly demonstrate evidence of their calling to provide Refuge, Recovery, and Restoration:

- Karen Reddick, Administrative Lead – One of the most caring people I know.
- Audrey Perry, Volunteer Coordinator – Visionary and incredibly mission focused.
- Duncan Davidson, Program Manager – A true maker of disciples.
- Andrew Daly, Program Lead – Shepherd for the lost and broken.
- Frank Montoya, Super Thrift Store Manager – Great steward of God's resources.



Together, we help our friends to stretch their food budgets, offer prayer, and demonstrate the love of Jesus.

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